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In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 1991, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

A compound according to claim, i, wherein said compound is 586210 -methyl 05-2572 tropen 200 henorie 0.00CH

A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 11, wherein the compound of formula Ia is 3,4-dihydroxy-4'-methyl $\in$ 5-nitrobenzophenone.

pharmaceutical composition according to claim 15, wherein the compound of formula Ia is 3,4-dihydroxy-4'-methyl-5-nitrobenzophenone.

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